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COUNTRY REPORTTOPIC Military Activity at the Potsdam, Frankfurt/Oder, Kuestrin and EberswaldePosts and the Lieberose Training Grounds

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Information

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1. At 2100 on 25 September 1954, a column coming from the direction of Michendorf entered the Kriegsschule  in Potsdam. It consisted of approximately 30 trucks  towing 122-mm field howitzers. approximately 50 trucks  with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, truck  towing 1 x 37-mm AA gun, 4 field kitchens, 7 armored personnel carriers and a total of approximately 15 officers and 300 to 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The field howitzers had not been observed in the Kriegsschule since 16 September. 1
2. At 0600 on 27 September, 12 T-34 tanks  arrived at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp  in Oranienburg from the direction of the railroad station. The tanks had allegedly been detained at the freight station. 2
3. Between 24 and 25 September, tank units in the strength of 800 to 1,000 men returned to the Buelow Kaserne  in Frankfurt/Oder. 3
4. On 25 September, 27 x 37-mm AA guns, approximately 35 motor vehicles and 350 soldiers left the Artillerie Kaserne  in Kuestrin by road. Prior to 27 September, the installation was occupied by approximately 650 soldiers equipped with 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 x 85-mm AA guns and 2 radar sets with parabolic reflectors. 4
5. On 25 September, the following materiel was entrained in Lieberose and presumably left toward Cottbus: 15 JS-2 and JS-3 tanks, 13 T-34/85 tanks  1 T-34 tank without turret, 20 x 85-mm and 57-mm AT guns, 12 x 120-mm mortars, 25 armored personnel carriers and approximately 80 trucks  Fifteen JS-2 and JS-3 tanks, 12 x 57-mm AT guns,  15 sidecar motorcycles and 5 armored personnel carriers were entrained on 26 September.  approximately 15 troop trains left Lieberose after 18 September. 5

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6. Between 0700 and noon on 2 October, approximately 200 field-grade officers with ranks between major and colonel reported to a general in the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde. The general rode in sedan. The north section of the installation was presumably occupied to capacity by the headquarters. The other sections of the installation appeared to be only lightly occupied. 6

1. Comment. The observation confirms the return of elements of the 10th Tank Div which transferred to the Cottbus area for exercises on 21 and 22 September.

2. Comment. the tanks may have belonged to the 162d Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div. On 26 and 27 September, three trains with unidentified units went from Schoenhausen and Gross Wudicke to Oranienburg. It is also possible, therefore, that tanks of the Mechanized KVP Division Potsdam, which were stationed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, returned to Oranienburg from the Kletz training grounds north of Schoenhausen in the morning on 27 September.

3. Comment. This information confirms the return of armored elements of the 25th Gds Mech Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div upon completion of fall exercises.

4. Comment. A light regiment of the 32d AAA Div was probably transferred for exercises.

5. Comment. The observations confirm the return to the posts of elements of the 7th Gds Mech Div and the 10th Gds Tank Div.

6. Comment. The observation that only the headquarters building was occupied to capacity indicates that the other units, the 118th Sig Regt and the 51st (?) Mtrcl Regt, were absent, presumably for exercises. The field-grade officers may have attended a briefing on

the Second Gds Mech Army.

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